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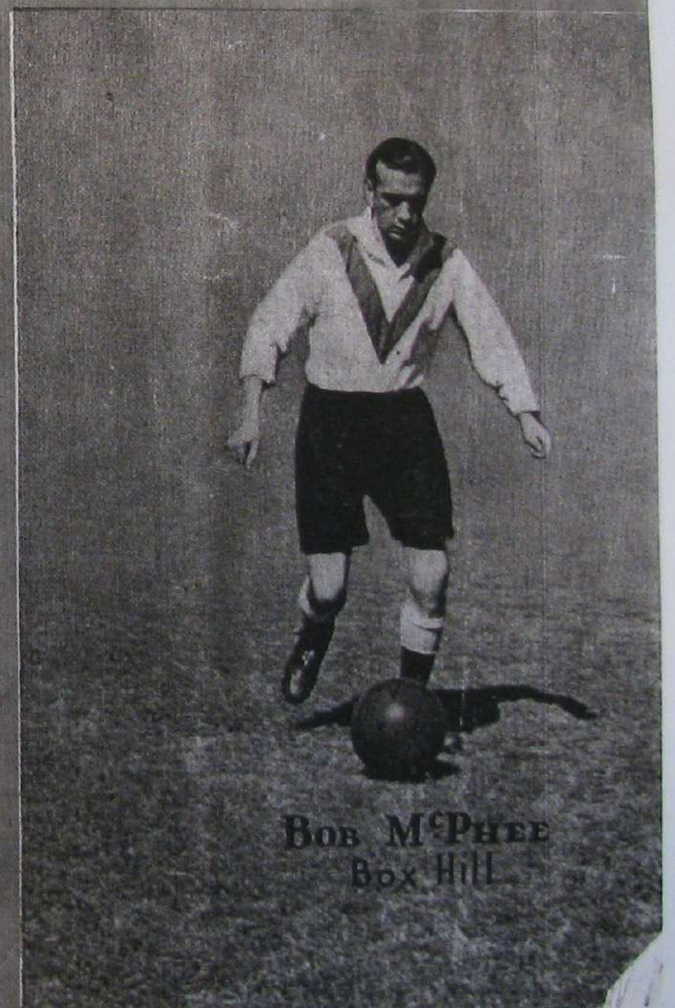

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EYES ON THE LATROBE VALLEY

By GUY HOOPER,

Latrobe Valley Member of the V.A.S.F.A. Council.

Congratulations to the "Argus" for a very fine supplement on Thursday, July 2. For those who did not see it, the supplement was an eight-page story of the Latrobe Valley. Practically every aspect of life and work in the towns in the Valley was touched on and on all but one subject the writing staff of the "Argus" did a good job. It would have been nice though to have seen some mention of the status that soccer has attained in Yallourn, Morwell and Moe. There was a page showing Australian Rules footballers in resplendent color and even the girls' basket-ball team got a mention. But not a word about soccer; and this is a region which is the second strongest soccer centre in Victoria and has its own Latrobe Valley Soccer Football Association. With the galaxy of "Argus" writers who did the job, why was soccer writer Bill Fleming not included?

There are at the moment six clubs in the L.V.S.F.A., one of them (Yallourn) playing in the First Division of the metropolitan League. This club was the stalwart of soccer in the Latrobe Valley during and since the war and well deserves the success it has enjoyed.

George Carr, Tom Oddy and many other identities have done much for soccer and Yallourn. The present secretary is Jim Ferguson and the soundness of this club can be gauged by the fact that each week the club travels to Melbourne the travelling expenses are in the vicinity of £35.

Yallourn is also the headquarters of the Gippsland Boys' Soccer Association, so we may expect to see more than a few class players come from this area.

Another enthusiastic club is Morwell. This club has a good record in L.V.S.F.A. competitions, having been winners of two League Cups and the Shield competition last year.

Moe United are having a successful season, running second to A.P.M. in 1953 League leaders in their first year in the L.V.S.F.A.—indeed, a creditable performance.

Captain of Australian Paper Mills (A.P.M.) at Maryvale is Joe Kennedy, who, it will be remembered, was one of the bulwarks of the Victorian side that drew with the Jugoslav touring team. A.P.M. are a strong team and have an enthusiastic following. The Association itself has as its secretary one of the best known and most energetic soccer personages (Frank McIver), who has given much to the game, having been a player of note for many years, and now giving the benefit of his knowledge and experience to the furthering of the code in Gippsland.

No! No Latrobe Valley supplement could be complete without mention of soccer.

Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8. by first post on Monday.

The return match between J.U.S.T. and Hakoah last Saturday showed the former to be too good a team for Hakoah on the day in almost every department. In the same way Juventus established a definite superiority over Moreland on Sunday—the Moreland forward line never at any time looked like scoring. Juventus throughout deserved their win, but it is time someone in authority in the club had a talk to those members of the Italian team's forward line who so persistently, week after week, pull up first-class attacking movements by foolishly putting themselves off-side.

With Juventus solidly in the lead in Division I by no less than 5 points, it is interesing to note that in South Australia also the Juventus club is well in the lead by 3 points, whilst in Western Australia Azzurri (the Italian side) is also leading by 3 points in Division I. It looks as though the Italian brand of football is— at least, at present—too good for all-comers.

The Footscray City-Brighton game at Footscray, which ended in a win for the latter by 1-nil, was an uninteresting game. There is no doubt that the poor turf made ball control difficult (I have seldom seen so many mis-kicks in one game), but the ground cannot be blamed for everything, and neither side showed much enterprise.

Surprise in Division II was the defeat of White Eagles by Sunshine City. This is Sunshine City's second win after a long lean season and they still must fight hard to avoid relegation. Now above the Navy and only one point below Sandringham City, the seaside team are in a very dangerous position.

In division III, Moorabbin City's defeat of Fairfield must have come as a surprise to both teams.

In Division 4, Shell trounced Heidelberg, 6-0. It will be interesting to see how the Shell team fares when they meet Brighton next week in the third round of the Dockerty Cup at Hurlingham Park.

With all country sides now out of the Cup, it looks as though most lower division clubs will also go out after next week—but in Cup-tie football one never knows, and already we have had more surprises than enough this year.

If the weather keeps up, the Laidlaw Cup game between Ireland and Italy tomorrow at Olympic Park should produce a record attendance. Last Sunday the attendance was as high as any Sunday game has produced, always excepting the Interstate Carnival Sunday. Nothing like a little bit of sunshine to bring out the laggards.

Arrangements for the Chinese tour grow apace, and next Saturday the visitors will be in Sydney, playing New South Wales. In five weeks' time we shall have our Chinese friends here in Melbourne. DON'T MISS THEM!

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JUNIOR—*Then What?*

By V. J. M. DIXON

Writers have from time to time remarked in these columns on the fact that although many junior players join clubs every year, very few ever reach senior football! Is it the fault of the boys themselves, or could it be that lack of imagination and proper organisation is keeping these boys from ever reaching the goal, which they obviously have in mind when first they join the club that concerns them?

Last week I drew attention to the fact that several clubs who at one time had juniors in every age group now have none at all. Why? Were the juniors at fault, or were they brought up indiscriminately, with little interest taken in them and then allowed to drift away?

I have heard it said by an official of one club which no longer has juniors that the club got fed up with juniors because they always left the club when they got older. The inference was that the juniors were to blame. I venture to differ.

The solution lies in clubs regarding their juniors as an asset of the club. Money is being spent on them and it should be spent wisely. Otherwise nothing is gained except a spurious reputation for the club of fostering the juniors.

Let us take a case of a club which has juniors in every age group. We will say, for example, that this club has a right-back who is a top-notcher. He is 23 years of age and probably has six to seven years of first-class football left to him in Victoria. In the Under 20 team the club also has a "crack-a-jack" junior right-back who will be growing up in two years' time. Probably there is another in the Under 17's. Have these boys got any show of ever making the First team at right-back? Definitely not. Yet they are allowed to continue playing in that position for years when possibly the club is crying out for a good right-half or left-back. As an asset of the club this Under 20 right-back should be made to play in the position that the club wishes to fill. With two years' proper coaching in that position in the Under 20's, he can then come up direct to the First team where, with a little patience, he may be the making of the side. In no circumstance should he be dragged through the Third team and perhaps the Second team. He has nothing to learn there. If he has not learned his football by the age of 20 he will never learn it. What he needs is only one thing—Experience—and for that he must go straight to the major team.

The difficulty in obtaining sufficient experienced junior coaches is well known, but the club committee should never lose sight of the value of their junior teams.

A long-term policy with juniors is essential The age of senior players and the probable end of their period of use to the club must be weighed against what juniors are coming up. It is worthy of note that this system produced one of the greatest players in English football—Tommy Lawton—who was transferred and trained day after day to be the club's centre-forward, whilst he had no chance of making the team for two years. Playing for the First team was the England centre-forward (and one of the greatest ever), Dixie Dean. Lawton was coached to take his place when Anno Domini caught up with him. He succeeded both with his club and the England side.

In Victoria, too, the boys of today must be groomed to be the STAR of tomorrow—not to be a NO-HOPER.

TASMANIAN TALKS

By BOB EASTERBROOK

The average fan is keyed up for his Saturday soccer, but the first half of the Sandy Bay v. Caledonian game was a soul-killing, prosaic affair. I found the words of that old-time ballad, "Sing Me To Sleep, the Shadows Fall," ringing in my ears. Occasional glimpses of soccer came and a tremendous volley from Rattray caused me to emerge from my coma. The Bay's first line tactics under the able generalship of "The Maestro" (H. Cooper) paid dividends, but the forwards were too slow to take advantage. In the second half the Scots settled and the wearing down process commenced. In the end it was all Caledonians.. Result: 4-1. Goalscorers: Caledonians, Arnott (3), Rattray; Sandy Bay, Shepherd. Mann and Cooper were tops for the Bay, while Slater, Rattray and Arnott excelled for the Scots.

Metro v. South Hobart.—From the fan's point of view, this was a very disappointing game. Whether the occasion had the players all keyed up, I know not, but for two teams who sit side by side at the top of the League ladder, well, it leaves me speechless. The goals caused a flutter of excitement, yet, not one of the five could be placed in the category of "top-liners." Great credit must be given to that speedometer, Oakes, who was quickly on a ball that Wise only partly saved, to send home. Metro's first goal was so unexpected that it was all over before the players or crowd realised it. The fat was now in the fire, with football discarded. With the final whistle we find: South Hobart 3, Metro 2. Goal-scorers, South Hobart Oakes (3); Metro, Harmsen and Payner.

We await with interest the visit of the Chinese team.

I am informed from a reliable source that The Wanderers will be with us again next season. We sincerely hope so.

Would the secretary of the new club—Bohemians—please contact me at the earliest?

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Soccer fans over here are very pleased about the Chinese visit although not very happy about having only one game—a mid-week one at that. Anyway, we are hoping we can repeat our performance of 1927 tour, when Tassie was the only State team to beat the Chinese tourists, winning 2-1.—F. N. JOUGHIN, Secretary.

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Europe Calling

By CHARLES WALKER

In the first preliminary round for the World Championship, 1954, a game was played in Beograd between Jugoslavia and Greece, which ended 1-0. It was a great disappointment to the 50,000 spectators who came to watch the game, and in spite of the fact that Jugoslavia was all the time a better team, somehow, they could not manage to score more goals.

Czechoslovakia beat Italy, 2-0, for the Mitropa Cup. The Italians went to Prague, sure of themselves, and considered the local team a pushover. It is true that the Czechs are no longer what they used to be, but Italy's recent record is still worse.

Another great surprise was the draw between Hungary and Austria. The Austrians were hard pressed all the time (Corners 11-2), but the Austrian goalie (Zeman) was unbeatable; Puskas and Kocsis tried hard, but all in vain.

A match played in Vienna between Viennese Austria and Hungarian Honved, which is the team of the most famous and best Continental footballer, Puskas, ended in an unusual score, 7.6. Honved was leading 4-0 after sixteen minutes of play, but Austria drew level fourteen minutes later. This was the half-time score. After that the Hungarians were leading, 6-4, but Austria again drew level, two minutes before the end of the game. Just when the referee lifted his whistle to finish the game, Puskas scored a goal which gave his team the victory. As a curtain-raiser, Rapid, the famous Viennese team played against Bastya (Hungary), and won, 5-4. In the course of those two games, a total of twenty-one goals was scored.

In Hampden Park (Glasgow), Sweden defeated Scotland, 2-1, before 90,000 spectators. This is the second time that Scotland lost on their own ground against a continental team, the first being against Austria.

Nine million spectators were watching the League games in Germany, with an average of 10,000 people attending each game. The champion goal-kicker of the season was F. Walter with thirty-eight goals, followed by Willimowski the former Polish International, with thirty-one goals.

In France, a municipal election was held on April 26, and the polling booths were due to open at 9 a.m. This regulation applied to every town except Troyes. There, the local club, A.S. Troyes, was playing an important cup game in Paris against F.C. Nancy, and 10,000 local inhabitants wanted to see the game. As they considered this game at least as important as the local election, they persuaded the local Mayor, who himself wanted to go to Paris, to open the polling booths at 6 a.m. for the convenience of the Paris-bound voters. He did so; the result: Troyes lost the game and the Mayor lost the election.

Letters to the Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir,—I am writing to you on a matter that grieves me very much. I refer to the habit or, shall I say, mistake, of the majority of our New Aussie friends from Europe in not placing their "two bobs" in the boxes at League games. For comparison, you have only to take the gates at Olympic Park and the one at Park Rangers v. Juventus on Saturday. To all my Italian friends, I ask them, not only for the game we love so much, but for the good name of yourselves and your country, be honest; don't be like the fellow who comes to eat at your table and then steals the cutlery. In conclusion, let me say to all followers of this great sport, your 2/- is the life-blood of the clubs. Without it they would die. So chuck in your 2/- and pay or help to pay for another transfusion.—Yours, IAN McGREGOR CAMPBELL.

Sir,—May I take this opportunity of thanking Soccer News for again printing the Reserves League Tables regularly and for the very interesting articles in each edition.—LESLIE WOOD, Astor Soccer Club.

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IN AGAIN — OUT AGAIN

Not very long ago we were all following with interest the trouble Australian and Interstate player Cec. Drummond, was having in obtaining a transfer from New South Wales to play in the Victorian club, Hakoah. Now it seems as though there is not a place for him in the team. Due to the fact that S. Bassi was injured, he replaced him at right-half for one match, but now Bassi is fit, Drummond is once again watching from the side line. It seems that Hakoah has just too many backs and half-backs.

TOP SCORER?

For the interest of readers, we are at the moment hard at work compiling a list of the leading First Division goal-scorers, and it should be ready for publication by next week.

FIFTH COLUMNISM

Ken—King of the Kolumnists—has been very quiet lately. Since burning his fingers in the "Blazer," we understand he has been getting his news from his own paper's news service and not from the boys round the corner.

FIRST TIME LUCKY?

I recently learnt with interest that the leading goal-scorer for the Fourth Division team, Nunawading, was their youngest player, 15-years-old Terry Silvester. He has so far scored 9 goals and shows promise of adding considerably to this figure. Next week this team meets Prahran in the Dockerty Cup round and as they beat Navy, 3-2, which is two Divisions up the ladder, they have high hopes of beating Prahran. In any case, they are looking forward to their first match against a First Division team.

RETURNING THE COMPLIMENT

Mr. M. Fleming, secretary of the Richmond Aussie Rules Football Club, has recently returned from a trip to England. Whilst he was there, he saw nine games of soccer and thoroughly enjoyed them. A feature which particularly impressed him was the dressing-rooms and facilities of the English clubs, especially those of Arsenal. He met quite a number of members of the English team which were here two years ago, and enjoyed renewing acquaintances with them. As a matter of fact, Sam Bartram's greeting was as follows: "Hello, I know you; don't tell me. Yes—one of B—— Jack Dyer's mob!"

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By REX BENSON

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AMATEUR SOCCER AT THE CROSSROADS

The strong stand taken by the Association Chairman, Mr. Thomas, regarding professionalism, must be regarded as a minor crisis in our game. It is unfortunate that any one now not playing for gain should be on the outer because he once did so, even if in another sport altogether. But that appears to be the rule, and unless it is altered, it must be abided by. It is frequent in British soccer for ex-pro. players to seek and regain amateur status. Joe Walters did so last year in Bristol when over 50. The request is usually granted as I feel sure that similar ones will be here. Like thousands of others, I played merely for the love of the game, forking out large subs. for the privilege, but I was never good enough to be able to do otherwise.

Unfortunately, pure amateurism is not now so much in vogue. It has been eliminated from big tennis, and is dying in big cricket, so if we can stop ourselves joining in on the same slide, it will be an achievement.

HEARKEN TO THE PHOPHET

Yes, Dicko, "the writing is on the wall" with our soccer, but unlike the Babylonian king, we have more than one day in which to put things right. Some of the fault is definitely with the wandering player, who flits like a moth from one candle, in the hope that the next one will be brighter. In amateur football the backbone of the game is the good clubman.

TASMANIAN TOPIC

So Bill Hardy, former Cardiff City left-half who helped to take the F.A. Cup out of England, now resides in Tasmania. The reason that he was not capped for England, is that the F.A. always turn a blind eye to any player with a non-English club. No so with the canny Scots. I am not trying to get under anybody's sporran, but they wisely pick the best men wherever they are playing.

CUP-TIE FOOTBALL

How does the above differ from the normal League style? Why should a lowly side unsettle a good one (on paper) merely because it is a Cup-tie? It must be because of the life and death angle. A good team can recoup points lost through a season and still come out on top, but it can never go back into the hat for the next round without winning.

KEEPERS ARE CHEAP TODAY

So the Scottish International goalkeeper goes to Sunderland for £9000. A forward of the same class fetches three times that amount. It is beyond me why clubs squander money like State Governments on key forwards, and forget the lock on the back door.

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TARTAN TOPICS

By DUNCAN McDOUGALL

Seems to be in the air lately. Scottish League have whacked down on illegal payments to players. The little extra in the envelope over and above the recognised talent money paid for a win or a draw and for performance in the Cup rounds.

Money is the root of all evil, and it appears to be getting a grip in Scottish football. The hard cash is evidently more important to the present-day players than the game itself. The Ministry of Labour tribunal awarded a £20 increase to Scots playing in international games. So far other members of the British International Association haven't had the courage or hard neck to request a rise.

It's hard to believe the modern player is worth 11/- a minute on the field.

The British Association also approved two new rules under Law 2. (1) The referee shall decide whether or not a ball conforms to the rules of the game. (2) A player who has been off the field may re-enter play without the game having stopped provided he has caught the eye of the referee and has received his signal.

At least three Scots players are expected to get a place in the "Rest of the World" XI to play England at Wembley as part of the F.A.'s 90th birthday celebrations. George Young, Laurie Reilly, and who else?

The final whistle has blown for another of Scotland's "giants of football." Patsy Gallacher, the Glasgow Celtic star of the 1911 to 1932 era, died last week, as did also George Henderson, the well-known Rangers idol of yesteryear.

The Dundonians continue their winning way in South Africa, with an easy win against Northern Transvaal, making them favorites for next week's "Test" at Durban.

Hibernians, after two victories, were beaten, 3-0, by Fluminense at Rio last week. Willie Findlay, who broke his leg against Airdrie in 1952, turned out in the Rangers' Five-a-side at Fir Park last Saturday.

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THE BOX HILL STORY

By JOHN HAWKER

Among the oldest of the clubs playing soccer today is one that despite the usual ups and downs of fortune has never yet left the First Division for the lower orders.

That club is Box Hill, which this year celebrates the thirtieth anniversary of its affiliation with the V.A.S.F.A.

Formed a year or so earlier by a group of local residents, mainly migrants from the Old Country, it acquired the use of a piece of land adjacent to the cemetery in Whitehorse Road.

Three years later it took over another piece of ground glorified by the name of Springfield Park, an honor bestowed, doubtless, to remind any who might possibly forget, that there was a spring in the area, ever ready to supply running water!

This remained the club's headquarters for thirteen years—years generally of struggle and toil for a faithful few who kept remnants together at times and ensured that there was always a team to take the field.

In 1939 a move was made to the present location at Lower Surrey Park. The war soon followed and senior football was abandoned, but the club kept alive, fostering junior games with great effect. Many of the boys trained and encouraged in those days are to be found in senior football in Victoria at present.

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STORY OF THE F.A. CUP—PART 7

By TED PRIDGEON

From the years 1905 to 1911, inclusive, Newcastle United dominated the Cup. Five times in seven years they played their way into the Final. They joined the Wanderers who had done the same thing between 1872 and 1878, and Blackburn Rovers, who had been in five Finals from 1884 to 1891. Newcastle, however, topped their Cup record with outstanding League performances in the same period.

F.A. CUP		League 1st Div.
1904-05—Final v. Aston Villa.	Lost, 0-2	Champions
1905-06—Final v. Everton.	Lost, 0-1	4th
1906-07—1st Round v. Crystal Palace.	Lost, 0-1	Champions
1907-08—Final v. Wolverhampton.	Lost, 1-3	4th
1908-09—Semi-final v. Man. United.	Lost, 0-1	Champions
1909-10—Final v. Barnsley (after 1-1 draw).	Won, 2-0	4th
1910-11—Final v. Bradford C. (after 0-0 draw).	Lost, 0-1	8th

In the season 1910-11 a new Cup—the third—and the one we now see gleaming in the Royal Box at Wembley, was provided. This move was resolved by the F.A. when it was discovered that the design, without their authority, had, two seasons earlier, been pirated by Manchester. The design of the new Cup—after the style of an antique Votive urn—was registered to prevent further duplication. It stands on an ebony plinth which bears a massive silver band on which are inscribed the names of all previous winners.

By 1914 the Qualifying Competition had been enlarged from 10 to 24 Divisions and, from a record entry of 476 clubs, Burnley and Liverpool that season fought their way to the Final. It was in April of that year that the Cup Final was first honored by the presence of the reigning monarch. Burnley, by the odd goal, defeated Liverpool, 1-0. Football was, indeed, growing out of the "cloth cap and muffler era," but, suddenly, the tempo of these developments was upset. August, 1914, brought war on an unprepared world. The Competition was continued for another season, but somehow, it was not the same. Lord Derby, presenting the trophy and medals to Sheffield United—who defeated Chelsea by 3 goals to 0—remarked:

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BOX HILL—Continued

Box Hill has had few players of really outstanding ability, but has always maintained a fair average consistency which has enabled it to remain in the First Division, usually in the upper ranks, and to capture No. 1 position in 1948.

Not only in the war years, but at all times Box Hill has fostered junior football and in most seasons runs at least four teams in addition to three senior teams. In all sections it awards trophies for the Best and Fairest players each season, from Under 14 to First team.

Naturally, many of the earlier adherents of the club are no longer associated with it but there are a few who have shared and followed its fortunes for more than twenty years.

Box Hill believes that to keep a soccer club happy attention must be given to more than just the game, and an active Ladies' Committee looks after the social side of the club's life. Dances, picnics and socials are a regular feature of the year's programme, including an annual picnic to Seaford on Australia Day. The same active committee has helped in no small measure to finance the erection of the clubroom and supper facilities on the present headquarters. Completed in time for last season, it provides facilities for meetings and for such activities as table tennis.

Perhaps one of the reasons for the successful development of the club is the fact that the players share to the full in the management of its affairs. Always at least four players are on the committee, and many other members are former players.

In closing, it may be added that Box Hill is not so busily engaged in its own many activities that it cannot think of the welfare of others and is always to the fore in all Association meetings and activities.

LOCAL PLAYER LEAVES FOR THE STATES

Young Sam Horrobin, Preston's virile centre-forward, who has been a prominent player since joining the club as a schoolboy of 12, leaves in a few weeks for Flint, Michigan.

Sam is being sent over by General Motors to undergo a two-year specialist course in one of their huge American plants. It is a blow to Preston, but a great chance for Sam, and he takes with him the best wishes of all club members.

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On these dates the Chinese team will be playing in Melbourne.
Further details later.

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With the two successive defeats of Albury City by Albury United and Wodonga, the competition in the B.D.S.F.A. has taken on renewed interest. Three teams are in line to win the premiership, namely, Albury City, Albury United and Wodonga. However, the three teams have a formidable task ahead of them as they must win all their matches to take the honors of the 1953 season. Albury United have two games in hand to play and Wodonga one, and the premiership could easily be decided on goal average.

The closeness of the premiership is doing the code a great amount of good in the area as the crowds have increased and the games seem to have taken on a new lease of life.

Mention must also be made of the Tallangatta club. They are a grand bunch of sportsmen and have an excellent committee and ladies' committee who are a tower of strength to the club.

In their playing ability they have improved out of sight and will register many more points on the ladder before the season is finished.

In a very scraggy game at Wodonga last week, the local team ran out winners, 4-0. Play by the forward lines of both teams left much to be desired, with many a goal scoring opportunity going to waste. [Who were they playing?—Editor.]

Bandiana proved too good for their sister team, Central Workshops, and ran out easy winners, 8-1.

The best match of the day was played by two junior teams—Albury City and Wodonga.

Wodonga ran out winners, 4-1, in one of the fastest, open games witnessed this season. Play in the first half was very even, with the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other. In the second half Wodonga lads combined better in the forward line and with two quick goals put the issue beyond doubt.—CLEM MARTIN.

Shift Workers Wanted as Coaches

There is an urgent need for coaches to help in fostering soccer in the schools.

Shift workers and others with time to spare, who are willing to help in this direction, are asked to contact the V.A.S.F.A. Director of Schools Soccer, Mr. V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham (MX 4134).

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Around the Clubs

ASTOR

Two weeks ago Astor played Footscray City in the Reserve Cup and lost, 11.0.

Last Saturday we visited Northcote and managed to take the two points. Astor attacked strongly and scored in the first 10 minutes. The equaliser came about 10 minutes later. Five minutes from half-time Northcote again scored, at a very sharp angle from the right wing. The keeper appealed to the referee that the ball passed outside the post into the net through a hole. This appeal was supported by spectators standing behind the goal, but the ref. was satisfied in his own mind that it passed inside the post.

After the interval Astor again scored. Then Northcote began to take the upper hand, scoring again, while Astor seemed to be tiring, and for 15 minutes the ball was mainly in their half. A sudden breakaway and a quick goal gave them new life, and five minutes from the end another goal came from a strong attack, giving them a winning score of 4-3.

The most hard-working player on the field was Tommy Power (Astor).

NORTHCOTE

On Saturday, July 4, Northcote were away to University. The game started at a fast pace and in the first half Northcote found it very hard to settle down. This, no doubt, was due to the hard bumping game which University were playing. The score at the interval was 1 all. However, in the second half, the Northcote machine got working, and University had no answer for it, the final score being 10-2 in Northcote's favor. Scorers for Northcote were Carter (3), Branagh (2) Williamson (2), Sweeney, McEvoy, and Conner. Stroyer in defence and Carter in the forward line were best players for Northcote.

Don't forget, lads, tonight is our dance and we look forward to seeing you all.

All Irish players wishing to play for Ireland against Italy tomorrow, Sunday, July 12, are requested to meet at the dressing-rooms in Olympic park at 2 o'clock sharp. — NORMAN.

NORTHCOTE H.S.O.B.

The senior team defeated highly-placed Shell "B." This was the first win of the season. Attention, Box Hill and Company.

(Continued over leaf)

Remember the Date! Saturday, July 11

SOUTH YARRA SOCCER CLUB DANCE

at Foresters Hall, Chapel Street, South Yarra

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Best players were Duffy, O'Dwyer and Newman.

The juniors Under 20 also trounced Box Hill, 3-0. Our boys have at last found their shooting boots. Watch out, Hurlingham Park. Best players were Watts, Dry, Mozzini. Also praise must go to our new goalkeeper, Cliff Holiday, who is small but sure. GGood luck, boys.—SAM.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Williamstown entertained both Dandenong teams at the Maddox Road ground. In the Reserve team's match on Saturday Williamstown went down, 2-1. Owing to some of our boys having to work, we could field only 10 men. The Reserve team have been playing rather well in the last few matches, being beaten by the odd goal in three against Park Rangers in the first round of the Reserve Cup.

Our First team held a 1-0 lead until the 87th minute, when Dandenong equalised after a bombardment of the Williamstown goal for the last 10 minutes. Our goalkeeper made some magnificent saves during that period.

We are looking forward to our clash with Polonia in the third round of the Dockerty Cup.—J. CAMPBELL.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The South Melbourne United Soccer Club feels that there is a needfelt want to continue soccer entertainment in Melbourne for the months of October and November, and as the club ground and first-class dressing accommodation would be available during these months, we would be interested to hear from persons or clubs who would like to help form and take part in matches, not necessarily "friendly" matches, with this club, but some form of competitive games or a Summer Cup. We make this suggestion to see what response there is to it and if it has possibilities. Council permission would be necessary and arrangements to continue to have the use of playing facilities would also have to be applied for.

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SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL SOCCER LAIDLAW CUP

The game between Italy and Ireland will be played next Sunday, July 12. This promises to be the best game of the week, and the victor will enter the semi-final of the World Cup.

Ireland has already caused a major upset by defeating Jugoslavia in a very hard fought game and it could easily repeat the same thing against Italy.

I believe that Italy is going to take this game very seriously as it no longer has any other important competitions apart from the championship. It will be remembered that Italy was in the final of the World Cup last year. Two games had to be played to decide the winner; the first game was drawn after extra time, and the second was a very close fight which was won by Scotland.

As there won't be a curtain-raiser, the game will start at 2.45 p.m. We are expecting a crowd of about 10,000 people and therefore it would be advisable to come in good time to avoid a crush. Anyway, for the late-comers there will be standing room only. You can't afford to miss this chance of seeing Italy play against Ireland and, remember, you'll be meeting all your old friends there and also you'll be able to make some new ones. Wise people always go to Olympic Park.

JOHN P. OLIPHANT (International Soccer Committee).

WOODEN SPOONISTS

Most soccer followers are aware of the league set-up in England, but I want to bring to light the system in force there regarding the two wooden-spoonists of each of the 3rd Divisions. Every year the two bottom teams have to apply for re-election to the League, and are put up with other clubs outside the League who apply. The decision is more or less made by the senior clubs, those in the premier divisions having one vote each, whereas the lower clubs have a few votes for each division. This means that any clubs considered "dead-wood" can be voted out, as were New Brighton in 1951.

As far as I know this system is not in force in Victoria. If not I can recommend it, as there are some better clubs waiting to get into the league than there are in the present 4th Division.

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Junior Section

The first-named club in each of the following matches played last Saturday, July 4, did not phone their result to the official receiver of results (Mr. Wilshaw), and therefore incur a fine of 2/6. Fines are to be forwarded to the Junior Association secretary within seven days, together with the result:—

Under 20—Juventus v. Sandringham City.
Under 15—Coburg United v. Brighton.
Under 14—Brighton "B" v. Brighton "A."

It is anticipated that Wednesday evening, July 29, will be the date when the Junior Association will be the guests of the Victoria Police soccer team at a Film Night, to be held at the Police Dept. Theatrette. A good programme of soccer films is to be shown, and it is hoped that the V.A.S.F.A. film of the England v. Victoria match at the M.C.G. will be included. Clubs are asked to inform the Junior Association secretary as early as possible of the approximate number of their club members who will be attending.

—J. A. OLSEN, Junior Association Secretary.

BRIGHTON — UNDER 20's.

In a thrilling display of scientific football, Brighton defeated Sunshine United, 2-1, at Hurlingham Park. A goal down at half-time, Brighton, without the services of their right-back, completely dominated the game in the second half, and scored through Young and McCartney (penalty kick).

Thanks, Sunshine, for a wonderful game, and congratulations to your 'keeper, who played inspiringly.—A. M. MITCHELL, Junior Sec.

SCHOOL SOCCER

HIGH AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Anyone who appreciates the growth of school soccer would do well to spend half an hour at the Sandringham City ground on Wednesday or Friday afternoons. On either of these days both the City's soccer pitches are in full use by the Hampton High School. Under the able direction of Mr. Syd Collett, who handles Physical Education at the school, 105 boys now play soccer. The first team play in the High Schools competition ("C" Section) and the second plays friendlies against all and sundry. Even the juniors get an odd inter-school game—next week they play Sandringham East State School.

Some distance down the road Sandringham Technical boys also indulge in their Wednesday soccer. Though not in the Technical Schools competition, they play a few friendlies when the opportunity occurs.

Among all three schools many pairs of Sandringham City socks can be seen. Looks like the City won't long be short of players.

In the Technical School competition Brighton Tech., who are only 5th on the ladder, distinguished themselves by taking a point from unbeaten Swinburne this week. Rumor has it that Frankston High School has a "Wizard" team. Having beaten the unbeatable Hampton High team, they followed up by defeating Dandenong. We haven't seen them in action

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yet, but our spies tell us that they are all little fellows. Shows weight isn't everything!

STATE SCHOOL

On Thursday, July 2, Wales Street, Northcote, played Fairfield State School team at Fairfield. For these boys this was their first game. In fact, many of them knew nothing about soccer eight weeks ago. The honors went to Fairfield, 4-0. The skill and enthusiasm of these boys would amaze anyone. Although they lost, the Wales Street boys were far from disgraced. The size of the ground puzzled them at first, as they have been coached on a small area, whereas the Fairfield boys have been coached on a full-sized ground which, undoubtedly, was to their advantage. Positional play was very good, which shows the boys have mastered the golden rule of soccer. For Fairfield, their captain, Metcalfe (best on the ground) was outstanding, and Speight gave us an excellent performance as outside-left. For Wales Street, Evans (capt.) showed up well, and Macallister gave a very intelligent display of ball placing to his forwards. The others all did well and, no doubt, in a few years' time these names will appear frequently. —DENIS CHAMBERS.

OLYMPIC SOCCER

Harold Walden, an ex-Arsenal player and now a stage comedian, is the only man to play professional football in England having won an Olympic gold medal against Denmark in 1912. At present-day standards he is likely to remain the only one, as Great Britain always seems to fall at the first hurdle.

SOUTHERN TASMANIA

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Caledonians	10	7	2	1	43	18	16
South Hobart	10	7	2	1	28	17	16
Metro	10	7	1	2	38	16	15
Bronte Park	10	3	1	6	24	33	7
Sandy Bay	10	3	0	7	15	34	6
A.N.M.	10	0	0	10	9	41	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Mt. Nelson	9	7	0	2	36	11	14
South Hobart	8	7	1	1	33	10	14
Caledonians	8	5	0	3	26	13	10
Zinc Works	9	3	1	5	14	22	7
Metro	9	2	1	6	14	32	5
University	9	1	0	8	7	38	2

METROPOLITAN TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

as at July 3, 1953

Swinburne	7	6	1	0	18	4	13
Footscray	7	6	0	1	35	7	12
Preston	6	5	0	1	15	6	10
Oakleigh	6	4	0	2	20	9	8
South Melbourne	7	3	0	4	15	20	6
Prahran	7	3	0	4	15	20	6
Brighton	6	2	2	2	8	8	6
Collingwood	6	1	1	4	8	15	3
Box Hill	6	1	1	4	7	13	2
Caulfield	6	1	0	5	5	12	2
Richmond	6	0	1	5	6	28	1

NORTHERN VICTORIA ASSOCIATION

Shepparton Rovers	9	8	7	0	31	6	17
Dookie College	9	4	1	4	15	18	9
Benalla H.C.	9	4	0	5	27	18	8
Shepparton United	9	0	2	7	11	42	2

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LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 6, 1953

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	12	11	1	0	39	9	23
J.U.S.T.	12	9	0	3	43	23	18
Hakoah	11	6	2	3	35	17	14
Moreland	12	6	2	4	30	15	14
Prahran	12	6	1	5	32	29	13
Brighton	12	6	0	6	29	32	12
Footscray City	12	4	1	7	16	34	9
Box Hill	12	3	2	7	17	37	8
Yallourn	11	3	1	7	16	26	7
Park Rangers	12	0	0	12	14	49	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	12	11	1	0	48	13	23
Polonia	12	8	3	1	45	10	19
Geelong	12	7	2	3	30	18	16
White Eagles	11	6	1	4	23	25	13
South Melbourne	11	6	0	5	41	27	12
Sunshine United	11	4	3	4	19	28	11
Preston	12	3	1	8	16	44	7
Sandringham City	11	3	0	8	19	42	6
Sunshine City	12	2	1	9	17	32	5
F.N.D.	12	1	2	9	14	33	4

South Melbourne v. White Eagles, June 20.—Match ordered to be replayed by League Management Committee.

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Maccabi	12	8	2	2	33	16	18
Northcote	11	8	1	2	39	17	17
George Cross	11	7	2	2	38	17	16
Fairfield	12	7	1	4	34	25	15
Dandenong Rovers	12	5	3	4	30	15	13
Frankston	12	3	5	4	27	27	11
Moorabbin City	11	4	1	6	26	31	9
Williamstown	11	2	4	5	19	25	8
Coburg	12	2	3	7	19	38	7
University	10	0	0	10	6	60	0

Fourth Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Slavia	11	8	0	3	37	11	16
Hellenic	11	6	3	2	57	15	15
Maribyrnong	11	7	0	4	38	24	14
Slovakia	11	5	3	3	49	23	13
Nunawading	11	6	1	4	27	18	13
I.C.I.	11	6	1	4	15	16	13
Victoria Police	11	4	0	7	41	25	8
Shell	3	3	0	0	16	4	6
Heidelberg	11	1	0	10	10	47	2
Union Jack	11	1	0	10	8	115	2

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RESERVE LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 6, 1953

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	12	12	0	0	50	11	24
Brighton	12	9	1	2	39	18	19
Prahran	12	7	1	4	34	23	17
Box Hill	12	7	0	5	40	21	14
J.U.S.T.	12	7	0	5	27	23	14
Footscray City	11	5	0	6	22	18	10
Yallourn	11	4	1	6	19	23	9
Moreland	11	3	1	7	17	28	7
Hakoah	11	1	2	8	10	41	4
Park Rangers	12	1	0	11	10	58	2

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	12	12	0	0	66	14	24
Polonia	12	10	1	1	70	17	21
Geelong	12	9	2	1	43	19	20
South Melbourne	12	7	2	3	33	18	16
Sunshine City	12	4	3	5	25	25	11
Sunshine United	12	5	1	6	24	38	11
Preston	12	4	1	7	28	33	9
Sandringham City	12	3	1	8	29	47	7
F.N.D	12	1	1	10	17	49	3
White Eagles	11	0	0	11	8	72	0

Sunshine City v. White Eagles not telephoned.

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Fairfield	11	8	1	2	30	32	17
Ukrainia	10	5	3	2	21	12	13
Moorabbin City	12	6	1	5	27	32	13
Northcote	11	5	2	4	32	33	12
Coburg	12	4	2	6	23	27	10
Dandenong	10	4	0	6	23	29	8
Williamstown	12	4	0	8	25	56	8
Astor	12	3	1	8	30	56	7
Maccabi	11	1	2	8	8	36	4
Wilhelmina	2	1	0	1	3	1	2

Fourth Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Box Hill	12	10	0	2	65	18	20
Shell "B"	12	8	2	2	21	14	18
Brighton	11	8	0	3	65	14	16
South Yarra	11	7	2	2	31	11	16
Polonia	10	5	3	2	29	17	13
Heidelberg	12	4	1	7	9	29	9
Northcote H.S.O.B.	11	4	0	7	14	34	8
Hellenic	11	2	1	8	19	55	5
Nunawading	10	1	1	8	11	40	3
Moorabbin City	11	1	0	10	7	38	2

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 6, 1953

Under 20 Division

Sunshine United	11	8	2	1	41	11	18
Brighton	10	7	2	1	34	7	16
Juventus	10	6	1	3	26	15	13
Box Hill	10	5	1	4	17	15	11
Footscray City	11	5	0	6	18	33	10
Northcote H.S.O.B.	11	3	1	7	13	24	7
Preston	9	3	1	5	12	20	7
Sth. Melb. United	10	2	1	7	14	29	5
Sandringham City	10	2	1	7	10	31	5

Under 17 Division

Brighton	10	10	0	0	45	5	20
Sunshine City	12	8	2	2	33	11	18
Prahran	11	8	0	3	44	13	16
Moreland	11	7	0	4	41	12	14
Frankston	10	7	0	3	16	8	14
Box Hill	10	7	0	3	6	9	14
Sth. Melb. United	11	6	1	4	28	18	13
Nunawading	7	5	0	2	9	10	10
Preston	10	5	0	5	13	27	10
Sandringham City	10	3	1	6	15	19	7
Polonia	8	3	0	5	13	20	6
Moorabbin City	11	0	1	10	9	43	1
South Yarra	8	0	1	7	2	55	1

Under 15 Division

Sunshine City	12	12	0	0	50	1	24
Sth. Melb. United	12	8	2	2	51	10	18
Coburg United	11	7	0	4	24	12	14
Sunshine United	12	5	3	4	28	9	13
Sandringham City	12	5	3	4	20	32	13
Moorabbin City	12	6	0	6	32	17	12
Preston	12	4	1	7	13	27	9
Box Hill	12	3	1	8	12	61	8
Brighton	11	2	0	9	10	25	4
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	12	2	0	10	10	56	4

Under 14 Division

Box Hill "A"	11	10	1	0	82	1	21
Sunshine City	12	10	1	1	60	3	21
Essendon	11	9	0	2	29	8	18
Brighton "A"	10	7	0	3	24	11	14
Prahran	12	6	0	6	30	27	12
Northcote	10	6	0	4	20	20	12
Sth. Melb. United	11	5	0	6	26	25	10
Coburg United	12	4	1	7	9	49	9
Brighton "B"	10	1	1	8	6	42	3
Moorabbin City	9	1	1	7	4	29	3
Box Hill "B"	9	1	1	7	4	31	3
Park Rangers	11	1	0	10	2	47	2

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